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# BUDAPEST HOUSING SITUATION IMPROVES

NUMBER OF UNITS INCREASE -- Vilagossag, No 237, 12 Oct 49

The Capital Statistical Office recently published data on the housing situation in the greater Budapest area. Included in the greater Budapest area are BudafoK, Kispest, Pesterzsébet, Pestszentlőrinc, Rákospalota and Újpest. Also included are 17 suburbs: Albertfalva, Békásmegyér, Budatétény, Cinkota, Csepel, Mátyásföld, Nagytétény, Pesthidegkut, Rákoshegy, Pestszentimre, Pestújhegy, Rákosszentpéter, Rákossziget, Rákosszentimre, Sashalom, and Soroksár.

The number of housing units has increased, while the number of persons per unit has decreased. The average number of persons per room was 2.12 in 1941, while today it is 2.08. The following table shows the breakdown of types of housing units, their number, and the number of persons per room.

<u>Type of Unit</u>	<u>Budapest</u>	<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Greater Budapest</u>
Regular units	299,610	153,861	453,471
Including:			
No uninhabitable due to war damage	(2,451)	(186)	(2,637)
Units combined with shops	3,164	5,850	9,014
Total housing units	302,774	159,711	462,485
Institutional units	931	119	1,050
Shops also used as living quarters	1,811	347	2,158
Units used for other purposes	1,112	248	1,360
Shelters	397	398	795
Total	307,025	160,823	467,848

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<u>No of Rooms (in percent)</u>	<u>Budapest</u>	<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Greater Budapest</u>
Units consisting of kitchen only	0.6	1.0	0.7
One-room units	56.5	72.4	61.9
Two-room units	28.2	22.2	26.8
Three-room units	10.0	3.7	7.9
Four-room units	3.0	0.6	2.2
Five-room units	0.7	0.1	0.5
 <u>Av No of Persons per Room</u>			
One-room units	2.83	3.03	2.91
Two-room units	1.78	1.92	1.82
Three-room units	1.53	1.55	1.54
Four-room units	1.37	1.44	1.38
Five-room units	1.26	1.35	1.26
Average	2.08	2.52	2.22

Number of bathrooms per 100 units is 46.3 in Budapest, 14.1 in the suburbs and 35.3 in Greater Budapest. Number of kitchens per 100 units is 87.0 in Budapest, 87.3 in the suburbs, and 87.2 in Greater Budapest.

The Five-Year Plan calls for construction of 65,000 new housing units, the majority of which will be built in Budapest.

CONSUMERS' GOODS' PRICES REDUCED -- Szabad Nep, No 236, 11 Oct 49

A few days after the decrease in the price of pork, the National Plan Office announced a 2-forint reduction in the price of lard, effective today. A price reduction of 10 percent was also decreed for bandages, effective at the same time.

TRAINING OF INDUSTRIAL SPECIALISTS EXPANDS -- Nepszava, No 215, 16 Sep 49

Until now, 3,000 to 4,000 youths were trained annually as specialists for industry. This year, 18,000 have already begun training. Specialists are being trained for the mining and metallurgical industries. Women will also be trained, and a course of instruction has already been started for them in the iron industry.

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